

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2015

RE: H.B. No. 119
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 119, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Director of Finance to establish the Hawaii ABLE savings program to assist individuals with disabilities.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability and Communication Access Board, National Down Syndrome Society, Children's Community Council, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Autism Society of Hawaii, and Easter Seals Hawaii. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that ABLE savings accounts will provide individuals with disabilities with the same types of flexible savings accounts that people without disabilities have, such as college savings accounts, health savings accounts, and individual retirement accounts. Furthermore, ABLE savings accounts will enable individuals with disabilities to accrue funds to pay for a variety of expenses, such as medical and dental care, education, community-based supports, employment training, assistive technology, housing, and transportation.

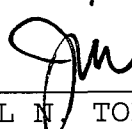


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the citation of the Stephen Beck, Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 to Division B of Public Law 113-295;
- (2) Removing redundant, substantive language from the definitions of "account owner" and "designated beneficiary" and inserting the non-redundant, substantive language into the operative provisions relating to the terms and conditions of the ABLE savings accounts; and
- (3) Adding an amendment to section 651-124, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide that the section applies to ABLE savings accounts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 119, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 119, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

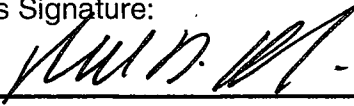


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">HB119, HD2</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">HSH, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">3/31/15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, una mended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	9	0	0	3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">  </div>				
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